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1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS ON NOMINATIONS RAISED REFTEL:

A) NIKOLAEV - JANUARY 3 PROPOSED ARRIVAL AT U OF VIRGINIA
ACCEPTABLE.

B) SHESTAKOV SHOULD NOT ARRIVE LATER THAN MARCH 7.

C) ZASSOURSKY - AS STATED IN OCTOBER 7 CIES MEMO (POUCHED
OCTOBER 10), IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT HE ARRIVE U OF PENN NOT
LATER THAN JANUARY 15 AND REMAIN THROUGH MID-APRIL AS PENN
IS SCHEDULING COURSE "SOVIET MASS MEDIA SYSTEMS" FOR HIM.
THIS AGREED TO BY ZASSOURSKY DURING TALK WITH GERBNER AT
SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE IN EUROPE. IS MHE AWARE THAT PENN
INVITATION IS FOR PERIOD DESCRIBED ABOVE? IF ALL CONCERNED
ARE FULLY INFORMED OF DATES OF INVITATION AND ZASSOURSKY'S
CURRENT PLANS PROHIBIT LONGER PERIOD THAN INDICATED REFTEL,
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PENN WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING MODIFIED
PROGRAM. URGENT REPLY ESSENTIAL.

D) OFCHARENKO NOT ACCEPTED BY NORTH CAROLINA BUT CIES ATTEMPTING AFFILIATE ELSEWHERE.

E) VAKHANIA - CIES ATTEMPTING PLACEMENT. PROSPECTS PROMISING.

F) INGE-VECHTOMOV AND BATUYEV - STILL AWAITING BIODATA.

G) STUPIN - CABLED BIODATA HAS BEEN SENT CIES WHICH IS ATTEMPTING PLACEMENT.

H) NICHIPOROVICH - ACCEPTED BY MONTANA SECOND SEMESTER. ALTHOUGH UNIVERSITY'S PREFERENCE IS APRIL 1 - APRIL 30 ARRIVAL ANY DATE BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND APRIL 15 WILL BE ACCEPTABLE. UNIVERSITY DOES NOT WISH HAVE HIM IN RESIDENCE AFTER MAY 15 BECAUSE BY THAT DATE STUDENTS AND FACULTY WILL BE PREOCCUPIED WITH EXAMS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO CLOSING OF ACADEMIC YEAR. PLEASE ADVISE HIS PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY SOONEST SO THAT BEST USE

CAN BE MADE OF HIS TIME.

2. FYI - SAN FRANCISCO STATE HAS WITHDRAWN KOVALEV INVITATION, CIES HAS TWO OTHER POSSIBILITIES. WILL CABLE DETAILS NEXT WEEK AT WHICH TIME EMBASSY MAY PASS INFO TO MHE. CIES UNABLE PLACE CHIBRIKOV, POPOV AND POKHOMOV. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS ALL THREE DEEMED INSUFFICIENTLY HIGH FOR THIS PROGRAM, AND CIES AND CU/EE HAVE AGREED THAT FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO PLACE THEM WOULD NOT BE IN BEST INTERESTS OF THE PROGRAM. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH MHE, WE BELIEVE FUTURE PROSPECTS OF LECTURER EXCHANGE PROGRAM WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY MAINTAINING HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS. SUGGEST YOU MERELY INFORM MHE THAT THEY COULD NOT BE PLACED, AND AVOID FURTHER EXPLANATION.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IMBALANCE BETWEEN SOVIET AND US

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ACCEPTANCES IS MAKING DIFFICULT ADDITIONAL PLACEMENTS OF US LECTURERS. IN EFFORT TO CORRECT IMBALANCE CU/EE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO HELP PLACE ADDITIONAL SOVIETS AT UNIVERSITIES WHICH ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FULL FUNDING. HOWEVER, SOVIETS BEAR MAJOR SHARE OF BLAME FOR IMBALANCE DUE THEIR INABILITY TO PROVIDE BIO DATA WITH THEIR NOMINATIONS. WE ARE ALSO DISAPPOINTED IN SOVIET FAILURE PLACE US LECTURERS AT LENINGRAD AND TRUST EMBASSY WILL PURSUE THIS AS ADDITIONAL SOVIETS ARE PLACED. END FYI

4. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON US LECTURERS. INGERSOLL

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